

April Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The ECAM Board of Directors is comprised of a cross section of Industry members; residential, industrial, commercial, urban and rural, sub-contractors, engineers and associate members. The Board meets monthly September through June and is served by standing committees, advisory councils and working groups.

Winnipeg Jets Season Tickets

Hart Jacob, Manager of Partnerships, and Dominic Guertin, Manager, Business Insights, Corporate Partnerships of True North Sports & Entertainment, presented to the Board regarding the initiatives being implemented by the Winnipeg Jets to actively involve the business community. In the past four years, TNSE has observed a decrease in season ticket purchases and is now exploring potential partnerships with medium-sized businesses to assess the potential benefits of ticket packages to benefit their businesses.

Notice of Annual General Meeting - May 16th, 2024

ECAM will be deviating from its by-laws by scheduling the annual general meeting for May. Members are invited to attend the AGM, which will take place at ECAM's office located at 320-830 King Edward St.

Psychological Injuries - WCB

The Board discussed WCB's extension of coverage for psychological injuries. Starting May 1, 2023, revisions to the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba's policy on Adjudication of Psychological Injury Claims came into force. WCB now recognizes that enduring an excessive workload over time can be considered a traumatic event, leading to a compensable claim. This coverage could be cause for concern in an industry facing labor shortages and roles requiring long hours. This could affect loss time and rates for contractors. The Board will continue conversations surrounding the topic and will be meeting with a WCB representative.

University of Manitoba Extended Education Partnership

ECAM is developing a partnership with the University of Manitoba Extended Education program to offer the University of Manitoba BIM certificate program. Details are being finalized and additional information to come.

ACIC Usage in City of Winnipeg

Jeff Bartlette of ECS Electrical Cable Supply, has brought to the board's attention a concern regarding the acceptance of ACIC cables for lighting control within the City of Winnipeg. While these cables are widely accepted in other provinces they are not allowed in Winnipeg. The board will be conducting further exploration into this matter.

ECAM Safety Courses

The audit of ECAM safety training courses has been successfully concluded. The board has initiated strategic discussions on optimizing course offerings to enhance their value, drawing from valuable feedback provided by participants during the audit. Next steps are currently under deliberation.

Meeting with Chair of Apprenticeship Manitoba

ECAM and MCAM extended a joint invitation to Tanya Palson, the newly appointed Chair of Apprenticeship Manitoba, for a collaborative meeting. The aim was to emphasize contractor priorities pertinent to ACB.

BuildForce Canada 2024-2033 Construction and Maintenance Looking Forward Report

BuildForce Canada released its 2024-2033 Construction and Maintenance Looking Forward report for Manitoba today. The outlook calls for investment in both the residential and non-residential components to increase to 2033. Read more [HERE](#).

Trade Association Letter to ACB - Supervision Ratios

10 Manitoba Trade Contractor Association have weighed in on the Province's announcement to reinstate a 1:1 Apprentice Supervision Ratio. Asking the Apprenticeship and Certification Board carefully consider the needs of industry, Manitoba's growing economy, and those of active apprentices when formulating your recommendations to the Minister. Further highlighting a broad stroke ratio change will result in apprenticeship layoffs in trades experiencing shortages, increased utilization of low paid general labourers and negative net internal migration of Manitoba's youth. Read more [HERE](#).

Welcome New Members

Welcome to ECAM's newest members:

Core Electric

Specializing in multi-family and commercial projects, Core Electric brings over a decade of expertise since its founding in Steinbach, Manitoba in 2004. Learn more about this member [HERE](#).

Electro Wright Contracting

Based in Stonewall, MB, they offer electrical contracting services for residential, commercial and industrial projects.

GRD Electric

Electrical contractor founded in 2010 based in Grande Pointe, MB.



Terry Henry, ECAM President

Terry began his apprenticeship in 1970 as an electrician and only 8 years into his career founded Wescan Electrical. Since then, Wescan has grown into a dynamic, multifaceted company offering construction services such as mechanical, security, data communications, prefabrication, and CAD & BIM modelling. Terry has demonstrated his vision by implementing leading-edge industry technologies and building a strong team of highly skilled and experienced professionals.

Through his 52 years in the construction industry, Terry has been involved with some of Manitoba's most iconic buildings and infrastructures, such as the MTS Centre (Canada Life Centre), Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Manitoba Hydro Place, and True North Towers. Terry values giving back to the community through charity work, support groups and associations that contribute to excellence. Terry is a highly valued member of the Manitoba's Electrical Industry and in 2022 was elected as ECAM's President of the Board.